

White Deer Lake Camp, Library Cabin  
Cyrus H. McCormick Experimental Forest  
Champion vicinity  
Marquette County  
Michigan

HABS No. MI-30-D

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Physical History

In a memo, Gordon McCormick refers to this as the 1904 cabin and as being the first cabin built. 1904 appears to be a reasonable date of construction, as Cyrus Bentley's diary documents their first visit to the area occurring in 1902. The only alterations documented were to the chimney-fireplace about 1936. A plan specified reusing existing stone in fireplace.

Description

The Library Cabin is a single room structure 16 by 24 feet in size with a screened porch on the lakeside. It is constructed of horizontal logs with mortar chinking used inside and out. The interior is dominated by a large fireplace fronted by a wide brick hearth. The foundation is simply logs laid on native stone or bedrock. The exterior of the cabin is dominated by a massive native stone chimney approximately 3 ft. x 6 ft. x 20 ft. in height. The steps and walk leading to the cabin are flagstone. The roof is covered with rolled roofing.

For overview history, see White Deer Lake Camp, MI-30.

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